

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION – PROPOSITION 12 FUNDS**

<b>Project Name:</b> Miscellaneous Capital Outlay 04/05	<b>Amount of Request:</b> \$191,675 <b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$191,675		
<b>Applicant Name:</b> Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority			
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<b>Project Description:</b> Enhancement and/or restoration of capital assets owned and/or operated by MRCA, specifically the Mentryville water system and Wilacre Park Trailhead, and related equipment purchases.			
See attached Project Description and Budget.			
<b>Tasks / Milestones:</b> 1    Mentryville Water System 2    Wilacre Park Trailhead Improvement 3    Park Enhancement/Restoration Equip.	<b>Budget:</b> \$ 20,435 \$ 91,240 \$ 80,000	<b>Completion Date</b> October 2004 December 2004 June 2005	
<b>For Acquisition Projects:</b> <b>APN(s):</b> N/A <b>Acreage:</b> N/A			
I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.			
<i>Signature of Authorized Representative</i>		<i>Date</i>	
STATE OF CALIFORNIA ♦ THE RESOURCES AGENCY			

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#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Proposition 12, the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000, allocated funds to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in Article 8, 5096.353, for capital outlay and grants for enhancement and restoration of natural lands, improvement of public recreation facilities, and for grants to local agencies to increase access to parks. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is seeking a grant of Proposition 12 funds for minor capital outlay in the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Government Code Section 16727, Use of proceeds from sale of bonds; "Capital assets," allows for use of funds for the costs of construction or acquisition of capital assets. "Capital assets" includes major maintenance, reconstruction, demolition for purposes of reconstruction of facilities, and retrofitting work that is ordinarily done no more often than once every 5 to 15 years or expenditures that continue or enhance the useful life of the capital asset. "Capital assets" also include equipment with an expected useful life of two years or more.

The MRCA operates and manages multiple park sites and open space areas for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. To perform this job well, MRCA has a variety of equipment needs. Additionally, in order to provide a high quality park experience for park visitors, minor site improvements are often necessary. These include installation or replacement of site fixtures including signage, park benches, picnic tables, interpretive displays, plantings and other park amenities. Often, the funding sources available for the ongoing maintenance of parks are not sufficient to include the replacement or purchase of these site fixtures and the equipment necessary to provide for the enhancement, restoration and improvement of these parks.

#### *Mentryville Water System Improvements*

The MRCA operates Mentryville, in the Pico Canyon area of Santa Clarita Woodlands Park. The existing water system at Mentryville supplies the domestic, irrigation and firefighting water needs of the park. The entire system is in need of major repair and overhaul, including the purchase of a new pump. This improvement project will improve the operation and safety of the park. The anticipated cost of the water system improvement project is \$20,435.

#### *Wilacre Park - Trailhead Improvements*

The trailhead at Wilacre Park is an extremely popular destination for hikers in the Santa Monica Mountains. Its current parking capacity does not meet the demand. MRCA proposes increasing the public access to this park by adding additional parking spaces. Approximately twenty spaces would be added next to the existing parking. An adjoining area would also be graded to create a new overflow lot that could be opened at the park rangers' discretion. The improvement project would also include some new fencing, signage and planting. The anticipated cost for the Wilacre improvements is \$80,000.

#### *Park Enhancement and Restoration Equipment*

The MRCA continually undertakes restoration and enhancement projects on the many parks and open space areas it owns and/or operates to increase public access and provide safe and enjoyable recreational

opportunities. For example, the MRCA may clear a new area in an existing park to create a usable lawn for picnicking and other informal recreation. Staff needs different equipment to make a project like this happen: chainsaws to clear the existing brush, a chipper to mulch the woody material (cheaper and more environmentally sound than disposing of it in a landfill), a trencher to dig the irrigation lines, an aerator to prepare the ground for laying sod or spreading seed, and a lawn mower to keep the improved area in good condition.

A portion of this grant would be used to purchase the equipment necessary to make these improvements. If the MRCA has the equipment on hand, staff can perform the work by force account. Otherwise, the MRCA must use outside contractors or rent the equipment, both of which often come at a higher price. This equipment includes, but is not limited to, riding and standing lawn mowers and trailers to transport them, a chipper, a brush blazer, weed whips, chain saws, pole saws, an aerator, a rototiller, blowers, a trencher, a jackhammer, a paint sprayer, and power washers. All the equipment contemplated for purchase would have a useful life of two years or more, would be used to continue or enhance the useful life of existing or planned capital assets, and would aid in the improvement of public recreation facilities and the enhancement of natural lands. The portion of funding in this grant for this equipment is anticipated to be \$80,000.